Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Anne Katherine Witlock, and we are richer because Anne lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Anne was born on May 21, 1926, at the family farm near Java, South Dakota, to Heinrich and Martha Mueller, and she attended East Spring Valley – West Spring Valley and Java High School; and,

Whereas, Anne married John Witlock on May 14, 1950, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Java, and to this union they were blessed with 6 children, 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, Anne worked in food service for the school for 35 years, waitressed at the Golden Nugget in Bowdle, South Dakota, for 23 years, was active in her church, taught Sunday school for 15 years, served on the finance committee for 12 years, was a charter member of Welca, and a member of the Java Community Club; and,

Whereas, Anne will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2016, as

ANNE WITLOCK DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State